

CHRONICLE OF THE XXXII IHLADI CONGRESS



The XXXII IHLADI Congress took place from 2 to 6 September 2024, with a high turnout of members, associates and observers.



At the inaugural session, which was held, like the working sessions, in the main auditorium of the Faculty of Law of the University of Lisbon, a tribute was paid to the president and honorary member of IHLADI, Dr Hugo Llanos Mansilla. In the presence of the Rector of the University of Lisbon, Dr Luís don Anjos Ferreira, and the Director of the Faculty of Law of the University of Lisbon, Dr Eduardo Vera-Cruz Pinto, Dr Sixto Sánchez Lorenzo expressed his thanks to the sponsors of the event, anticipated the content of the four committees, and was inspired by José Saramago's 'La Balsa de Piedra' to signify the spirit of IHLADI:

“A Península Ibérica desprende-se de alguma forma dos Pirinéus e faz uma viagem imaginária em direção às costas da América, até se incorporar nela. Dois

mundos que estão, na realidade, unidos pelo oceano. As águas que nos separam são as mesmas que nos unem; o facto de fazerem uma coisa ou outra não depende das águas em si, mas do espírito com que as observamos a partir de cada uma das costas. Lisboa é a proa da jangada de pedra que nos leva à América. Candide, o personagem de Voltaire, visitou Lisboa após o grande terramoto que foi talvez a primeira catástrofe mundial, pelas suas repercussões na filosofia e no pensamento muito para além das fronteiras do então Reino de Portugal. Candide procurava o Eldorado no seu percurso de vida, com os olhos postos no Novo Mundo, que, desconhecido como era, nos oferecia a possibilidade de acreditar numa Utopia. Uma vez conhecido, o encontro ensinou-nos que o Eldorado não existia como um lugar, mas como um objetivo, pelo que, num mundo onde não faltam manifestações do mal, o nosso objetivo deve ser o de cultivar humildemente o nosso jardim. É este o espírito do IHLADI.”

Dr Edgardo Riveros, from Chile, representing the previous presidency, presented Dr Dário Moura Vicente with the collar symbolising the presidency, which he will wear until the next Congress. In his speech declaring the opening of the Congress, the new president summarised the origins and objectives of IHLADI and, in particular, the history of Portuguese participation, concluding in this way:

“Permito-me citar, a concluir esta intervenção de abertura de um congresso que se realiza em Portugal no ano em que comemoramos os 500 anos do nascimento do maior dos nossos poetas, a estrofe do Canto X d’Os Lusíadas, em que Tétis, deusa dos mares, profetiza, perante Vasco da Gama, os diferentes lugares onde chegariam os portugueses na sua gesta marítima:

*Neste centro, pousada dos humanos,
Que não somente, ousados, se contentam
De sofrerem da terra firme os danos,
Mas inda o mar instável experimentam,
Verás as várias partes, que os insanos
Mares dividem, onde se apousentam
Várias nações que mandam vários Reis,
Vários costumes seus e várias leis.*

Camões, que viveu «a vida pelo mundo em pedaços repartida», como ele próprio a descreveu em verso postumamente publicado, reflete neste trecho da sua obra maior a nítida consciência que formara, no ocaso da Renascença, do fenómeno da pluralidade das nações e da diversidade das suas leis e dos seus costumes. É este o esteio do moderno Direito Internacional, Público e Privado. E é também o humanismo universal do poeta português – que amou a Pátria, na expressão de Jorge de Sena, «de olhos corajosamente abertos para os outros» – o ideal que animou a geração de juristas que fundou o IHLADI há mais de sete décadas. Assim sabemos nós merecer e continuar aquilo que nos deixaram.”

The inaugural session concluded with a speech from New York by the United Nations Under-Secretary-General for Legal Affairs, Miguel Serpa Soares, who spoke on 'Is International Law still relevant?'



After the working lunch, the afternoon of 2 September saw the start of the work of the First Committee, with the presentation by the Rapporteur Dr. Fernando Loureiro Bastos (Portugal) on 'A criação de um regime jurídico-internacional para o enquadramento da subida do nível do mar'. Dr. Patrícia Galvão Teles (Portugal) chaired the Panel Table of the

1st Committee and Dr. María Teresa Ponte Iglesias (Spain) acted as secretary. Presentations were made by members Juan José Ruda Santolaria (Peru) and Ana Elizabeth Villata Vizcarra, and associates Juan Manuel de Faramiñán Gilbert (Spain) and Cástor Díaz Barrado (Spain), the latter by videoconference. After the discussions, the participants were taken to the Museum of the City of Lisbon, where they were given a guided tour and a reception.

On 3 September, the morning session began with the presentation by Dr. Jazmina Rovi Sánchez (Panama) of the II Committee's paper on 'A critical analysis of the United Nations Convention on the International Effects of Judicial Sales of Ships'. The Panel Table of the II Committee was chaired by Dr. Eduardo Picand Albónico (Chile) and Dr. Maria Virginia Aguilar (Mexico) acted as secretary.





Once the presentation had been debated, after the working lunch, the work of the III Committee took place, with Dr. Pablo Antonio Fernández Sánchez (Spain) presiding and Dr. Silvina Barón Knoll (Argentina) acting as secretary. Dr. Paulo Borba Casella presented his paper on 'Crimes of war, crimes against humanity, genocide and environmental crimes in armed conflicts', which was followed by a

rich debate. Presentations were made by member Dr. Ana Gemma López Martín (Spain) and associate Dr. Aldana Rohr (Argentina).

After the proceedings, the participants moved to the Palácio das Necessidades, where they were received by the Minister of Foreign Affairs of the Republic, Dr. Paulo Rangel.





On Wednesday 4 September, as is tradition, members, partners and observers enjoyed a cultural day, which began with a transfer to Sintra and a guided tour of the magnificent Palácio da Vila. Lunch was followed by a visit to Cabo da Roca and Guincho beach on the way to Cascais.



In Cascais, the participants enjoyed a reception at the Casa de Santa Maria, hosted by the Mayor, President of the Municipal Chamber of Cascais, Mr. Carlos Carreiras, who in his welcoming remarks invoked the 'superpower' implied by the joint action of the Ibero-American, Philippine and African communities in the field of international law

On Thursday 5 September, Dr. Sixto Sánchez Lorenzo (Spain) gave a presentation on 'Clean hands in investment arbitration'. The Panel Table of the IV Committee was chaired by Dr. Dário Moura Vicente (Portugal), with Dr. Carlos Eduardo Echegaray de Maussion (Argentina) acting as secretary. Presentations were made by members Dr. Rodolfo Dávalos (Cuba), associate member Jaime Ramiro Gallegos Zúñiga (Chile) and observers Ozana Olariu (Spain) and Manuel Gómez (USA), the latter by telematic means. At the end



of the morning session, Ms. Triana Aybar, observer from the Dominican Republic, made her pending presentation on the III Committee.

In the afternoon of the same day, work resumed for the final approval of the text of the respective resolutions, which took place definitively at 18:00 hours. The resolutions will be published on the Institute's website shortly, once the final drafting and translations



have been completed. At the end of the day's work, the participants moved to the Grémio Literario, where they were received by the president of the long-established institution, Mr António Pinto Marques.

On the last day of the Congress, the Assembly of Members was held, in accordance with the IHLADI Statutes. At this Assembly, Dr. Jazmina Rovi Sánchez (Panama), Dr. Christian Sommer (Argentina), Dr. Fernando Loureiro Bastos (Portugal) and Dr. Juan Manuel de Faramiñán Gilbert (Spain) were promoted to full members of the Institute. Rosa Campillo (Dominican Republic), María Teresa Infante Caffi (Chile), María del Luján Flores (Uruguay), Ricardo Abelló Galvis (Colombia) and Juan José Ruda Santolaria (Peru) were elected as new members of the Board of Directors. Dr. Sixto Sánchez Lorenzo was re-elected as Secretary General of IHLADI for a period of three more congresses. Finally, Panama City was designated as the venue for the XXXIII IHLADI Congress, to be held in the first week of July 2026.

This was followed by the Plenary Assembly, where the Secretary General proceeded to present information on the activities planned for the next biennium, and a secret ballot was held for the election of new members, with the following being elected: Masato Ninomiya (Brazil), Sebastián López Escarcena (Chile), Carolina Olarte Bácares and Jorge Oviedo Albán (Colombia), Juan José Alencastro (Ecuador), Cástor Díaz Barrado and Ángel Espiniella Menéndez (Spain), Jaime Güell Bográn (Honduras), Juan Manuel Portilla Gómez and Eduardo Ferrer MacGregor Poisot (Mexico), Juan Carlos Araúz (Panama), Elena Elsa Marina Rosa Dias Oliviera, Helena María Machado Barbosa da Mota, Rui Manuel Pinto Soares Pereira Dias, Rui Rodrigo Firmino Guerra da Fonseca and Afonso Patrão (Portugal), Víctor Núñez Santana (Dominican Republic), Cecilia Fresnedo de Aguirre and Lucía Lorente Coppola (Uruguay).

The 32nd Congress was brought to a close with a final speech by the new president, Dr. Dário Moura Vicente. Late in the evening, the intimate farewell dinner was held at the

magnificent 'Sr. Vinho' venue, where attendees were able to enjoy the magic of the best fados after an intense and fruitful Congress.